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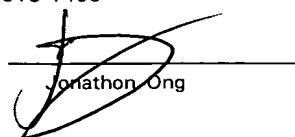
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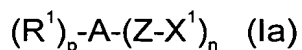
Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed April 21, 2003, entry of the  
following remarks is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 5, 12, 13 and 33 with the following claims:

5. (Amended Three times) A liquid phase carrier (LPC) that has  
formula (Ia):



wherein: A is silicon; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl,  
heteroaralkyl, heterocyclyl or heterocyclylalkyl; p is 0 or 1; Z is any combination  
of 1-12 units selected from 1,2-, 1,3- or 1,4-phenylene and alkylene units,  
which units may be combined in any order; X<sup>1</sup> is any reactive group which can  
be used in biopolymer synthesis; n is 3 or 4; with the proviso that if Z is